



Open Doors

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June 2010

FROM THE



Lichfield Cathedral is amazing. Standing on high ground across a pond from the town, its three spires are visible across the countryside (if

you're tall enough to see over the hedges), and it's ornamented with hundreds of beautifully carved statues. Inside, the nave seems to stretch forever, there are tombs mounted with carved knights and medieval wall paintings, a shrine behind the high altar to St Chad, and upstairs, the small St Chad's Head Chapel (where apparently his skull was kept as a relic for pilgrims, before being lost during the Reformation). St Chad lived during the seventh century, one of four brothers who all became leaders in the church; he himself was an abbot and then bishop, and although not the first bishop in central England, was most effective in bringing the gospel to the people of that region and establishing Christianity there.

But the place where Chad lived was not the site of the cathedral, but about half a mile away, where a much smaller church has been built beside a well; it was here that Chad settled beside a spring and built his monastery. It's one of many monasteries that were scattered across the English

landscape, each a few miles apart. They were not only places of prayer for those who entered the religious life, but provided hospitality for the pilgrims who traveled across the country, praying at holy shrines.

We often think of pilgrimages as intensely individual things, satisfying private vows to God. But in reality, they required the cooperation of many people. There were those at home, who would have to care for your family and your farm and animals or your business. Then those who provided you with hospitality - both inns and monasteries - and those who sold or gave you food. You might hitch a ride on a passing cart, or walk alongside someone a while for company and encouragement. And finally those with whom you joined in worship.

Likewise in our faith today, we can't simply go it alone. We need one another, for encouragement, to help us in times of need, to share in worship. And in turn, we become the ones who support others in their journey of faith. So give thanks for one another, and the saints throughout the ages who inspire and encourage we who follow.

- Raewynne

A WORD FROM THE WARDENS

The Day of Pentecost; the day on which God calls his church. The calling is done with fire. A force so awesome and consuming, no one could miss it. The weeks which follow, the season of Pentecost, are often referred to as "Ordinary Time". While this season comprises more than half the year it is anything but ordinary. It's not ordinary because we are not ordinary. We are created in God's image, and in Baptism through Jesus Christ, we became His Church. And Pentecost is the season about His Church.

During Pentecost we are asked to share the gospel with others. It is a time for vigor, excitement, energy, movement, fresh air, and fresh commitment. The church asks us to stress vocation, evangelism, mission, stewardship, and works of mercy and charity. We are asked to give thanks for the gifts God has given us by sharing our gifts.

"For where two or three have gathered together in My Name, I am there in their midst."

The month of June brings us together in two special ways this year. First, we are now preparing for the annual Strawberry Festival and it is a CHALLENGE! But as we share in this let us enjoy the time we spend together in His name, and remember the good works we do with the proceeds.

June also brings the service of Confirmation for 9 members of our parish. We will gather together at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on June 19 to hear them make a public affirmation of their faith and a commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism.

These are certainly two events that are anything but ordinary. As we live into Christ this coming season, look for the fire in your lives. While fire does consume, it also provides light. And as the Church we are called to share that light with the world.

- Peace

Pat & Chris

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

& YARD SALE

JUNE 12, 2010

We are in the last weeks of preparation for our annual Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale. There are many opportunities for you to help make this one of our most successful fund raising efforts for St. James parish.

Yard Sale - donations are being accepted through Friday, June 11 at 1 p.m. Please leave them in the designated area in the lobby. We need: housewares, linens, toys (no stuffed animals), decorative items, glassware, dishes, tools, sports equipment, electronic equipment; small furniture pieces. All items must be clean and in working order. No books or clothing, please.

Contact: Grandma's Attic - Debbie LaMano (584-3545); Grandpa's Attic - Kurt Rettig (732-5875). Arrangements can be made to pick up heavy items.

Strawberry Treats & Sales - Help is needed in hulling strawberries the week before the Festival, and in staffing the table. Contact Pat Pawelko (327-5863).

Baked Goods - If baking is your talent, we can use donations of home-baked cookies, bars, breads, muffins, etc. These items can be brought early on the day of the Festival. Contact Karen Douglass (928-6633) or Wylie Hunt (751-5618).

Jam making - Join our ongoing jam sessions, Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Mills Hall kitchen. If you don't have the time, you may still contribute by donating money to purchase supplies for jam making, or cases of 8 oz. and 12 oz. canning jars. Details were in the May issue of *Open Doors* and the Pentecost Sunday bulletin. Contact Nancy Rasmussen (724-2083) for further information.

Plant table - If you are a gardener, you might have extra perennials or small bushes to donate. Please pot them up and identify them by name and include planting info. Plants can be brought early on the morning of the Festival. Contact Peter Plaschka (543-4944), Tony DeVito (724-1233) or Claude Deal (724-3720).

Set up/Break down - if you have a strong back, and some free time either early Saturday morning or later in the afternoon, your help is needed to set up tables, tote our sales items outside and take down tables, etc. at the end of the day. Contact Jeff Smith (265-0299) to volunteer your assistance.

YARD SALE INFORMATION

It is that time again to get ready for our Strawberry Festival/Yard Sale. As you know, it will be successful if we all join in and help. We have already started with the pricing sessions, but do not worry, more are scheduled. Listed below are the scheduled times for cleaning/pricing/sorting all the "treasures."

Tuesday, June 1 st	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday, June 4 th	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, June 8 th	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday, June 10 th	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday, June 11 th	3 p.m. - finished

You can either call me to let me know you are coming, or just show up!

Your help will also be needed on the day of the Festival. If you are available for the day, or part of the day, PLEASE let me know. So, please check your calendars for all available dates. Please contact me at 584-3545.

- *Debbie LaMano*
Chair, Grandma's Attic

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public acclamation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

Please join our candidates: Abigail Coleman, Melanie Cozzolino, Catie Douglass, Alexandra Euler, Thomas LaMano, Fairlie Lawrence, Paige Lawrence, Lauren Tarantino, Ryan White and their families on June 19th when they receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The service will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City.

- *Chris Mauro*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The last day of Sunday school classes is June 6. On Sunday, June 13, the children will join the congregation following the 9:30 a.m. service for a special picnic brunch with activities for the children.

Volunteers are needed to make food for the brunch. A list of needed items will be posted in Mills Hall. If you can help, please call Karen Noack at 981-3989.

- *Karen Noack*

OUTREACH

The Seamen's Church Institute will be receiving even more beautiful scarves and hats than reported last month. The current total is 15 scarves and 4 hats! Thanks again to those who were knitting and crocheting during Lent.

The Family Service League of Suffolk will be receiving many new items for Maria and her 5 children, thanks to all who so generously shopped for the family. Sandy Grigoletto said her car is full and she is ready to deliver it to FSL! Wish we could see their faces when they receive the beautiful baby blankets etc. Thank you to all, especially to Sandy for organizing this outreach program.

The Shawl Ministry continues to turn out beautiful shawls, pray over them, and deliver them to folks who need to wrap themselves in prayer. Want to help? Contact Wylie Hunt at 751-5618.

The Concert to Benefit Haiti has been postponed until a future date. Watch the calendar in the months to come.

The Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry is gearing up for the added demand during the summer. Plan to sign up to staff the Pantry during St. James' month to serve in August. It would be helpful to have 3 people each morning. The pantry always needs canned meats, hearty soups, and juice. There is never enough toilet paper, diapers in various sizes, and Depends. Ask Claudette Plaschka what else the Pantry needs now.

St. James Strawberry Festival & Yard Sale will be held on June 12. Some of the money will go toward outreach. Now is the time to donate clean items in good condition. Read the Sunday bulletin for pricing times and how to fund jam-making

ingredients. To find out other ways you can help, call Jeff Smith at 265-0299.

Build a Back Pack for Habitat. Habitat for Humanity has invited St. James to participate again in their annual "Build a Back Pack" program. Please think about purchasing a back pack and/or supplies for children in need. Shopping lists of suggested items are available in the narthex. Donations must be returned to the church by Sunday, June 27. A volunteer is needed to bring the donations to the Habitat office on Middle Country Road in Middle Island by June 30th.

Bishop Provenzano invites each of us to make a gift to the Alleluia! Fund. Every member of every parish of the Diocese of Long Island is invited to take part in a new venture in mission and ministry. This fund will serve college age young adults, reach out to the unchurched and to new populations in our communities, and match current physical resources to local needs in new ways. Checks, made out to the "Episcopal Diocese of Long Island" with "Alleluia! Fund" on the memo line, may be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, 36 Cathedral Ave., P.O. Box 510, Garden City NY 11539-9673.

Episcopal Relief and Development serves a hurting world, even in this country.

There are still needs to be met for the victims of flooding in Nashville and other parts of Tennessee. Checks, made out to "Episcopal Relief and Development" with "Tennessee Flood Victims" on the memo line, may be sent to ERD, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield VA 22116-7058.

The Bishop Henry B. Hucles Episcopal Nursing Home in Brooklyn needs prayers and financial partners. Bishop Provenzano invites our prayers, client referrals, and tax deductible contributions. Checks, made out

to the "Episcopal Diocese of Long Island" with "Hucles Nursing Home" on the memo line, may be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City NY 11530.

Select some of these ways to reach out to others.

~Sue Krall, Outreach Chair

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD-A-BACKPACK

Once again, we have the opportunity to help area families through the Build-a-Backpack program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. We are asked to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children in kindergarten through high school. A brief list of items to purchase is below. **Please return all items to the church by Sunday, June 27.** If you have the time, we need someone to deliver the backpacks to the Habitat office on Middle Country Road in Middle Island by June 30th.

Suggested items:

Safety scissors, glue sticks, index cards, crayons, markers, colored pencils, marble notebooks, ruler, erasers, pocketed folders, highlighters, spiral notebooks, tape. An extensive list of items requested has been placed in the narthex.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Last April, on Holy Saturday, our prayer shawl ministry joined with ladies from Setauket Presbyterian, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Emmanuel, Great River, St. Cuthbert's, and First Presbyterian Church in Smithtown for a lovely meditative morning. The assistant to the Pastor at First Presbyterian, Janice Moore-Caputo, led us in

a time of scripture reading and reflection. We participated in a weaving of yarn to demonstrate our woven lives through knitting. Janice's husband, Bob, enriched the morning with his guitar. It was wonderful to meet new friends, and hear how this ministry has had such an impact on the local community and beyond. We continue to hear stories about the blessings received by not only the recipients of the shawls, but also the creators.

We will meet one more time before taking a break for the summer. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 19th, at 8:30 a.m. at my house, 24 Knox Avenue, Stony Brook. We have been so pleased to have several women from St. James join our monthly meetings. Other women in the parish have not been able to make our meetings, but have been creating shawls on their own. We are so grateful for the yarn that has been donated to our cause as well. Ladies in our group also made scarves for the Seamen's Institute, and shawls have been given to all St. James parishioners who are shut-in or in nursing homes. We have been asked for shawls by people for friends and family who are ill, and fortunately, we have had enough in stock to be able to provide them.

We keep an ongoing journal, listing the shawls, the makers, and the recipients. We include photos of the shawls and the people who receive them, and we also include the touching notes that we receive in thanks. I wanted to share some excerpts from the notes that we have received from St. James parishioners:

"Every night she wraps herself in the prayer shawl we gave her and tells me that she believes it has really helped. She is amazing and upbeat about being able to resume her life after successful surgery."

“Such a wonderful surprise – the cranberry red prayer shawl! How soft...how sweet, and I do feel the prayers in the fabric...the loving embrace of our Lord. I will use it for many years to come. God bless the prayer shawl ministry....”

“Please convey my sincere thanks to the prayer shawl ministry ladies for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is very well made, and has already given me great comfort, knowing that many prayers accompanied it.”

“I received a thank you note from Pat W.’s friend, Betty, for whom we have been praying and to whom a prayer shawl was given recently. She appreciated our thoughts and prayers. This particular shawl was knitted by Joan B. and was beautiful. The choir prayed over this shawl on Thursday night and Betty gave thanks to the choir as well.”

Please give me a call (751-5618) if you would like directions to my house, instructions or patterns for knitting or crocheting, or if you know of someone who could use a shawl. May God bless the work of our hands!

- Wylie Hunt

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS 2010

On Sunday, June 13th, we will again be participating in Bread for the World’s Offering of Letters. I am happy to announce that Sandy Grigoletto has agreed to be St. James’ representative to Bread for the World.

Who is Bread for the World? “Bread for the World” is a collective Christian voice headquartered in Washington, D.C., which urges our nation’s leaders to end hunger and poverty at home and abroad.

What is an Offering of Letters? Bread for the World members send personal letters to Congress advocating for the poor and the hungry. The 2010 Offering of Letters is concentrating on strengthening key tax credits. The President and Congress have created a national goal of ending childhood hunger in the U.S. by 2014. An effective way to achieve this is to increase income for low-wage workers through such tax credit programs as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit.

Please plan to support this important opportunity to advocate for those less fortunate than we are.

*In God’s peace,
Ron Tebbutt & Sandy Grigoletto*

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION OFFERINGS

Recognizing that summer allows for a more relaxed and flexible space, the Christian Formation and Education Committee is finalizing details for some change-of-pace summer events. Watch the Sunday bulletin (and the July/August issue of *Open Doors*) for specific dates, but here's a peek at what's to come:

- * **Three Poetry Potluck Picnics** at the Rectory – one each during June, July, and August – looking at selected poems of John Donne, George Herbert, and Gerard Manley Hopkins – all from the United Kingdom and all of whom were Anglican for all or part of their lives.
- * **June Evening Bible Study of John's Gospel** – The first six chapters of the Gospel according to John will be the focus at the Tuesday and Wednesday evening Bible study groups. A warm welcome is extended to all! For more information on the Tuesday group, please contact Kathy Sides or Chris Mauro; for the Wednesday group, please contact Raewynne Whiteley or Wylie Hunt.
- * **Short-term Bible study offerings for July and August** – topics and dates to be announced soon!
- * **Sunday School Teacher Retreat on the afternoon of Saturday, August 28** – Have you been sensing God calling you to work with our youngest members? This is a great chance to explore this opportunity, meet other teachers, gain some practical tips, and be refreshed.

- *Kathy Sides*

THE ARCHIVISTS

Monday mornings we have been reading documents from past members of our church. We are making slow progress as we get “lost” in the stories they tell. This week we were transported to 1949-1950:

“The Sewing Group of the Women’s Auxiliary has worked hard this year as they make up in diligence and hard work for the small group that they are. The Mission allotment this year was a difficult one and called for a great deal of sewing...The box (filled with garments, layettes, children’s clothes) this year is to go to the hospital at St. Mary, the Virgin, Sogada Mountain Province, Philippine Islands.”

“Each year we remind parishioners that new members will be welcomed. After all, sewing a few hours a month is not too difficult – in fact it is a pleasant occupation, and the need for the articles which are made is tremendous.”

Join us as we read Vestry notes from the 1800s, youth group activities from the 1930s, and newspaper clippings of church activities from the 1960s.

- *Pat Westlake*
Barbara Bastin
Joan & Les Bengtson

LUNCH BUNCH

The June meeting of the Lunch bunch has been scheduled for 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 29th at Pita House, 100-27 So. Jersey Avenue, East Setauket. Contact Fjeril Deal at 724-3720 to sign up. All are invited!

- *Fjeril Deal*

LOOKING AHEAD

Now that the Strawberry Festival is upon us it is time for crafty people to start preparing for the Harvest Festival. We need ideas for items all or some of us can make, build, sew, knit, etc. during the summer. This appeal is not limited to crafters of the female persuasion, since I know there are fellows who have various talents out there. If you have an idea, please call (863-1113), email (patkreg@verizon.net), speak, or otherwise communicate with me.

- Pat Kregler

JULY CALENDAR

- 1 Grandma's Attic pricing 3 p.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m.
Recovery group 7:30p.m.
- 2 Knitting group 10:30 a.m.
Bible study - Rectory 7:15 p.m.
- 3 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Jam making 4:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Grandma's Attic pricing 10 a.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Blessing of a Marriage 11:30 a.m.
- 6 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
with Sunday school
Confirmation class 11:15 a.m.
- 7 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Grandma's Attic pricing 10 a.m.
Bible study 7:15 p.m.
Recovery group 7:15 p.m.
- 9 Knitting group 10 a.m.
Bible study - Rectory 7:15 p.m.
- 10 Grandma's Attic pricing 3 p.m.
Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
Jam making 4:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Grandma's Attic pricing 3 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Strawberry Festival & Yard Sale** 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 13 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation class 11:15 a.m.
- 14 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Bible study 7:15 p.m.
Recovery group 7:15 p.m.
- 16 Knitting group 10 a.m.
Bible study - Rectory 7:15 p.m.
- 17 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 19 **Confirmation** 2 p.m. -
Cathedral of the Incarnation
Mills Hall rental - afternoon
- 20 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Bible study 7:15 p.m.
Recovery group 7:15 p.m.
- 23 Knitting group 10 a.m.
Bible study - Rectory 7:15 p.m.
- 24 Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Mills Hall rental 12 p.m.
- 27 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m.
Parish Life Committee 11 a.m.
- 28 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Bible study 7:15 p.m.
Recovery group 7:15 p.m.
- 30 Knitting group 10 a.m.
Bible study - Rectory 7:15 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Coleman
Dara Linthwaite
Jake Pryor
Eric Mercep
Lindsay Petschauer
Alex Rich
Chris Mauro
Dennis Guinaw
Jaime DeFilippis
Peter Plaschka
Lauren Tarantino
Joseph Elek
Ruth LeCluse
Claudette Plaschka
Catie Douglass
Bill Bowden

Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale

Saturday, June 12,
2010

9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Rain or shine

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Harry & Betty Toop
Ken & Linda Misa
Kurt & Diane Rettig
Ron & June Davies
Charlie & Marge Kreussling
Ken & Ruth LeCluse
Art & Arlyne Gureck
Ron & Ann Tebbutt

Fresh
strawberries for
sale, strawberry
treats,
Homemade jams,
jellies & salsa,
Baked goods,
plants,
Yard sale
treasures

